In light of recent events, I want to take a moment to mention a few safety reminders that are useful in lab and while out on campus.

- Whether you’re driving, walking, or cycling, **follow the rules of the road**. Pay attention to all posted signs.

- Use all your senses, including hearing, whether in a lab or outside. If you like listening to music, think about putting one ear bud in and leaving one out so you can hear what is around you.

- Use the marked crosswalks! Don’t assume a vehicle will see you and be able to stop in time if you are in the middle of the road.

- At a crosswalk, remember that vehicles can’t stop on a dime. Make sure to look into the road before entering the crosswalk.

- If you encounter a large vehicle, such as a box truck or bus, try not to walk behind them. It could be difficult to see you!

**Container Return Policy**

REM returns containers, such as 5 gallon Nalgene® carboys (shown at right), as long as they are in good condition and marked with the building name and room number. If your container is damaged it will not be returned. If this happens we will send a notification.

We try to return containers as soon as possible, however, this spring our Laboratory Materials Storage Building is getting an HVAC system upgrade. This could lead to a delay in containers being returned because waste processing takes longer as we work around construction crews. If you have any questions, call our main line: 49-40121.

**Waste Pickup Web Submission Form**

The Web Submission version of the Hazardous Materials Pickup Request is back online. You must enter your Purdue user id and password to fill out the form.

Here’s the link: [http://www.purdue.edu/rem/home/files/forms.htm#HMM001](http://www.purdue.edu/rem/home/files/forms.htm#HMM001)

**Face/Eye Protection:**

**Safety Glasses vs. Goggles**

Your vision is important! Follow these guidelines while working in the lab to protect your eyes.

1. Check with your PI or lab manager for any specific rules regarding eye protection and follow them.

2. Wear goggles when you are using a chemical outside of the hood or in any instance there could be a splash hazard.

3. Wear safety glasses while you are in a lab where chemicals are being used. They should also be worn in any instance there is an impact hazard.

4. You can also use a face shield when added facial protection is necessary, such as in cases with spray or severe splash hazards.

Note: UV goggles or face shield should be worn when using a UV light box.

**Choosing the Right Glove**

Did you know that Benzene can permeate nitrile gloves within 3 minutes? Make sure you’re using the right glove to keep your hands protected from chemical exposure.

A great resource is [www.chemrest.com](http://www.chemrest.com), where you can search by chemical name or CAS number for gloves that offer the best level of protection.
Here’s a comic to get you ready for summer.

Construction season offers lots of practice for paying attention to signs!

“Construction”

“Piled Higher and Deeper” by Jorge Cham

www.phdcomics.com

Do you have a lab safety question or issue you’d like Amy to address in this newsletter? Let her know!

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